

PART IV—STRATEGY TO DIPLOMATICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY ISOLATE THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

SEC. 1299E. REPORT ON EFFECTING A STRATEGY TO DIPLOMATICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY ISOLATE THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of State or a designee of the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on actions taken by the United States to diplomatically and economically isolate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of the actions taken by the Secretary of State, or designees of the Secretary, to consult with governments around the world, with the purpose of inducing those governments to diplomatically and economically isolate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(2) A description of the actions taken by those governments to implement measures to diplomatically and economically isolate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(3) A list of countries the governments of which the Secretary has determined to be noncooperative with respect to implementing measures to diplomatically and economically isolate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(4) A plan of action to engage with, and increase cooperation with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, by the governments of the countries on the list required by paragraph (3).

(c) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

SEC. 1299F. AUTHORIZATION TO ALTER UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES ENABLING THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may take such actions as are necessary to induce countries to take measures to diplomatically and economically isolate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the list required by section 1299E(b)(3).

(b) ACTIONS INCLUDED.—Actions described in subsection (a) may include—

(1) reduction of the diplomatic presence in the United States of countries on the list required by section 1299E(b)(3); and

(2) reduction of the diplomatic presence of the United States in those countries.

(c) CONSULTATION.—Not less than 15 days before taking any action under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate congressional committees with respect to the action.

SEC. 1299G. AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE OR REDUCE UNITED STATES FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES ENABLING THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may terminate or reduce United States foreign assistance to countries on the list required by section 1299E(b)(3).

(b) ASSISTANCE INCLUDED.—Assistance terminated or reduced under subsection (a) may include—

(1) assistance under chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.; relating to the Economic Support Fund);

(2) military assistance provided pursuant to section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763; relating to the Foreign Military Financing Program); and

(3) assistance provided under chapter 5 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961

(22 U.S.C. 2347 et seq.; relating to international military education and training).

(c) CONSULTATION.—Not less than 15 days before taking any action under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the appropriate congressional committees with respect to the action.

SEC. 1299H. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.

In this part, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I have two requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a Hearing “Transportation Innovation: Automated Trucks and our Nation's Highways.”

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, “Expanding and Accelerating the Deployment and Use of Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration.”

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 9:55 a.m. for a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an Oversight Hearing on “High Risk Indian Programs: Progress and Efforts in Addressing GAO's Recommendations.”

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, in room 628 of the Dirksen

Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting to consider the following: H.R. 984, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017; S. 1285, Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act; S. 1333, Tribal HUD-VASH Act of 2017.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “Examining OMB's Memorandum on the Federal Workforce, Part II: Expert Views on OMB's Ongoing Government-wide Reorganization.”

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that LCDR Kevin M. Ferguson, a congressional defense fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the Senate's debate on H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mike Benitez, a defense fellow in the office of Senator ROUNDS, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the calendar year.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Alisa Beyninson, a Government Accountability Office detailee to the Armed Services Committee, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my defense fellow, Margaret Read, be granted floor privileges for the length of the current debate on the National Defense Authorization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my Defense fellow, CPT Douglas Hill, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the legislative session today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 252, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 252) designating September 2017 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 252) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 253, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 253) designating the week beginning September 18, 2017, as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution

be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 253) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF PIETRO "PETE" VICHÌ DOMENICI

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 254, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 254) relative to the death of Pietro "Pete" Vichi Domenici, former United States Senator for the State of New Mexico.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 254) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 14; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2810.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the provisions of S. Res. 254 as a further mark of respect to the late Pete Domenici, former Senator from New Mexico.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:05 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 10 a.m..

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate September 13, 2017:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DOUGLAS W. DOMENECH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.